User charges dues of private airlines

1224. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of dues as user charges in respect of services of Airports Authority of India (AAI) from the private airlines;

(b) what are the area of services for which the user charges are being charged; and

(c) whether they are revised as per the increase of airfare by the private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Total dues payable by major domestic airlines as on 31st October, 2009 are Rs. 277.55 crores.

(b) Major aeronautical services provided to airlines by Airports Authority of India (AAI) for which users are charged include Route Navigation Facilities (RNFC), Terminal Navigation Landing Facilities (TNLC), Landing and Housing and Parking of the aircraft, besides rent for space occupied.

(c) No, Sir.

Losses incurred by Air India

†1225. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the loss being incurred by Air India at present and the reasons therefor;

(b) the amount of funds sought by Air India from Government to overcome the Financial crisis;

(c) whether a committee had been constituted under the Chairmanship of cabinet secretary for providing suggestions to reduce the expenses of Air India;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations thereof;

(e) since when the Air India is incurring losses and what measures have been taken by it to overcome the deficit; and

(f) the amount of assistance which has been already given to Air India by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Air India had incurred a loss of Rs.2226.16 crores during year 2007-08. It has expected to incur a loss of Rs.5,000 crores approximately (prov.) during the year 2008-09. The reasons for losses are mainly due to the prevalent economic recession and low yields and load factors.

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